

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2007. Claims 1-48, 51, 54, 55, 59, and 62 are cancelled. Claims 49, 50, 52, 53, 56-61 are pending. In this Amendment, claims 49 and 60 are amended. No new matter is added.

Claim Objection

Claim 62 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a duplicate of claim 61. Claim 62 is cancelled and therefore the claim objection is overcome.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

Claims 49, 50, 52, 53, 56-58, and 60, 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Applicant has amended claims 49 and 60 to replace the word "reciprocating" with "lifting" as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 49, 50, 52, 53, 56-58, and 60-62 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 60-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minotti et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6, 439, 317) in view of Lamoureux et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,109,365).

Applicant has amended claim 60 to include the corresponding amendments already presented in claim 49, which was found allowable. Applicant submits that neither Minotti et al. or Lamoureux et al. discloses or renders obvious the operation of *“a locking member with an eccentric rotational peripheral profile to rotate via at least one intermediate linkage pivotally attached about a second and third axis rotation to the locking member and actuator respectively”* as required by the claims.

Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 60-61 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minotti et al. in view of Lamoureux et al.

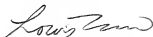
Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Any necessary extension of time for response not already requested is hereby requested. Please charge any corresponding fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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